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SUBJECT: ALLEGED NEW SCHEME FOR SUEZ CANAL DEVELOPMENT

REF: BEIRUT 3001

1. AS EMBOFF RIGHTLY POINTED OUT, EMBASSY CAIRO HAS
AT NO TIME PROPOSED ANY NEW SUEZ CANAL DEVELOPMENT
SCHEME AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 REFTTEL.

2. SUGGESTION THAT AMERICAN PROMOTER, L.E. DETWILER,
AND HIS SUEZ CANAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, MAY AGAIN
HAVE FLOATED SOME SUCH IDEA IS POSSIBLE. DETWILER,
ACCOMPANIED BY LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR, CALLED A FEW DAYS
AGO AND AMONG OTHER THINGS SPOKE OF GRANDIOSE NEW SUEZ
CANAL PLAN WHICH HE ONCE PRESENTED TO GOE AND NOW
INTENDED TO PRESENT AGAIN. ONE OF HIS SALES PITCHES
WAS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ARE
FULLY BRIEFED ON THE PROJECT, IMPLICATION BEING HE IS
PRESENTING IT WITH USG APPROVAL. HE ALSO CLAIMED
FORMER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ROBERT ANDERSON IS A
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PARTNER IN THE SCHEME AND THAT INTERNATIONAL FINANCING

IS AVAILABLE. DETWILER'S PRESENT CALLING CARDS GIVE A
60 WALL ST. ADDRESS.

3. WE SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD THAT DETWILER HAD BEEN RE-
CEIVED BY MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN, WHO HAD
LISTENED TO HIS SCHEME. DETWILER LATER CALLED EMBASSY
CLAIMING OSMAN FAVORS IT. WE ARE UNABLE CONFIRM VALIDITY
OF HIS ASSERTION. IT IS POSSIBLE DETWILER OR CONCEIVABLY
SOMEONE IN OSMAN'S OFFICE LEAKED SUCH STORY.

4. ANY INFO RE DETWILER WHICH DEPARTMENT/COMMERCE
MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WILL BE HELPFUL.
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NOTE BY OC/T: COME AND EB TAKE AS ORIGINAL.

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